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SUBJECT: AMBASSADOR YOUNG'S MEETING WITH ANGOLANS

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1. DURING COURSE OF MAPUTO CONFERENCE MAY 18, AMBASSADOR
YOUNG ACCOMPANIED BY DEPUTY UNDER SECRETARY MOOSE, DON PETTERSON
(AF) AND STONEY COOKS HAD PRIVATE MEETING WITH ANGOLAN FOREIGN
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MINISTER JORGE.

2. AT JORGE'S REQUEST, AMB YOUNG AND PETTERSON GAVE BRIEF REPORT
ON THE TALKS ON NAMIBIA WITH THE SAG. BRIEFING FOLLOWED
POINTS CONTAINED REFTELS. JORGE THEN VOLUNTEERED THAT HE HAD
BEEN BRIEFED IN SIMILAR TERMS BY FRENCH. HE EXPRESSED DOUBT
THAT IT WOULD BE POSSIBLE TO HOLD FREE ELECTIONS BEFORE WITH-

DRAWAL OF SAG TROOPS AND RELEASSE OF POLITICAL PRISONERS. HE QUESTIONED WHETHER, IF SAG WAS UNWILLING TO RESPOND ON THESE POINTS, IT WOULD BE SAFE FOR SWAPO TO RETURN AND PARTICIPATE FREELY IN THE ELECTIONS. JORGE ADDED THAT A DECISION ON WHETHER SWAPO SHOULD GO ALONG WITH WHATEVER EVENTUATES FROM FIVE-POWER INITIATIVES ON NAMIBIA RESTS WITH SWAPO, NOT ANGOLA. HIS GOVERNMENT WOULD NOT ADVISE SWAPO, BUT WOULD SUPPORT WHATEVER IT DECIDED TO DO ON THIS MATTER.

3. JORGE CONTINUED THAT THE LONGER THE PROBLEM OF NAMIBIA REMAINED, THE MORE ANGOLA SUFFERED, PARTICULARLY IN VIEW OF SAG AND UNITAR RAIDS AND ATTACKS IN ANGOLA. HE ADMITTED, HOWEVER, THAT IN ALL ARMED STRUGGLES THERE WAS A MOMENT WHEN ONE HAD TO SIT DOWN AND NEGOTIATE. JORGE SAID HAT THERE STILL WAS DOUBT ABOUT THE WILLINGNESS AND COMMITMENT OF U.S. AND UK TO SOLVING PROBLEM OF NAMIBIA, BUT HE ACKNOWLEDGED THAT THE WEST WAS THE KEY TO RESOLVING THE ISSUE. HE SAID ANGOLA WOULD CONTINUE TO HELP LIBERATION MOVEMENTS MATERIALLY AND MILITARILY.

4. JORGE ASKED ABOUT POSSIBLE CHANGES IN THE U.S. ATTITUDE ON TRADE WITH AND INVESTMENT IN SOUTH AFRICA AND ON SALES OF ARMS TO THAT COUNTRY. YOUNG REPLIED THAT U.S. TRADE AND INVESTMENT ARE A FUNCTION OF PRIVATE BUSINESS AND THAT IT WOULD BE VERY DIFFICULT AT THIS TIME TO PASS LEGISLATION IN OUR CONGRESS RESTRICTING PRIVATE ENTERPRISE. HOWEVER, GOVERNMENT-TO-GOVERNMENT COOPERATION BETWEEN THE U.S. AND SOUTH AFRICA WAS MINIMAL, AND PRESIDENT CARTER HAD MADE CLEAR TO THE SAG OUR COMMITMENT TO THE NEED FOR SOLVING THE NAMIBIA PROBLEM. HE NOTED, IN ADDITION, THAT THE U.S. OBSERVED THE ARMS EMBARGO AND DID NOT SELL ARMS TO SOUTH

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AFRICA.

5. CONVERSATION THEN TURNED TO BILATERAL MATTERS. JORGE ASSURED US THAT FIGUEIREDO HAD INSTRUCTIONS TO MAINTAIN CONTACTS WITH USUN AND STATE DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS REGARDING NORMALIZATON OF RELATIONS. HE RECOUNTED HIS OWN ATTEMPT WHILE IN POLAND TO ESTABLISH CONTACT WITH OUR AMBASSADOR THERE. HE HAD DESISTED WHEN HE REALIZED OUR AMBASSADOR WAS NOT AWARE OF NEW YORK INITIATIVES. JORGE STATED ANGOLA WISHED TO ESTABLISH RELATIONS WITH ALL GIVERNMENTS; ANGOLANS HAD NOT FOUGHT FOR INDEPENDENCE IN ORDER TO BE COLONIZED BY ANY OTHER NATION.

6. REGARDING THE ZAIRE/SHABA SITUATION, JORGE SAID ANGOLA WISHED TO SUPPORT THE NIGERIAN DIPLOMATIC INITIATIVE, BUT FELT THAT THE ISSUE OF RETURN OF ANGOLAN ASSETS, E.G. RAILROAD CARS, HAD TO BE RESOLVED. SO TOO DID THE PROBLEM OF INSURGENT BASES IN ZAIRE FROM WHICH ATTACKS HAVE BEEN MADE ON ANGOLA. JORGE STATED THAT ALTHOUGH ANGOLANS HAD THUS FAR NEVER INVADED ZAIRE, THERE WERE MEMBERS OF MILITARY EAGER TO DO SO. AS FOR FIGHTING

IN SHABA, ANGOLA VIEWED THAT AS AN INTERNAL PROBLEM OF ZAIRE. ACCEPTANCE OF NIGERIAN MEDIATION WAS A MATTER PRIMARILY OF CONCERN TO MOBUTO AND KATANGANS.
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